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PLAN SCOUTING GROWTH

SUMMER CAMP OPENINGS OFFER HIGH ADVENTURE

Summer camping opportunities are still available for all Scouts. Openings at Owasippe, Kiwanis, Philmont and the Lone Troop Camps can be filled by Troops and Senior Scout Units which have not as yet completed their camp plans.

The only closed period at Owasippe is the second period at Camp Stuart; however, all of the other camps are open for all periods. In addition, there are spaces for several qualified Senior Scouts on the Philmont Trip, which will spend an entire month in the Rocky Mountains at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

Also available is time at Camp Kiwanis, near Willow Springs, Illinois. Kiwanis Camp provides an outstanding camping experience, too, right near Chicago, and it is the ideal spot for boys who cannot spend more than one week away from Chicago.

TRAIN CREW NEEDED

For the first time since the early war days, Scouts will travel to Owasippe via the Pere Marquette Railroad, instead of by bus. This means that once again volunteer Leaders are needed to serve in the capacity of coach Leaders on the round-trip run.

Trips leave every other Monday morning, starting on Monday, June 28. Scouts leave the Grand Central Station at 9:00 a.m. and the return trip should be in by 9 p.m. Coach Leaders will be supplied with meals for both runs.

Interested Scouters who are over 21 are asked to contact either Jack Conley or Roy Alm at the office.

TO ACCOMPLISH SCOUTING'S PURPOSE AT LEAST 400 NEW UNITS BY DECEMBER 1948

CITY FIRST AID FINALS TO DRAW FORTY PATROLS

Hyde Gillette, Chairman of the Council Activities Committee, reports that the city-wide First Aid finals will be held Friday night, May 21, in the 132nd Infantry Armory, 2653 West Madison Street. In all, more than forty teams, winners in District meets, will compete for the city trophy.

Each of the teams competing in the city finals has already gone the gamut of Troop and Community contests before being qualified for the District event, so that only top-flight teams are eligible.

Each team is to be composed of five Scouts of a natural Patrol grouping with two additional Scouts serving as patients. Teams will provide all of their own First Aid equipment.

Mr. Gillette states that spectators are invited, and all Scouts and Leaders are urged to attend and cheer for their District representatives. He also said that attendance at the city finals is a fine opportunity to study the methods of other Troops.

Long a dream - now an actuality - the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, has embarked on a gigantic campaign to bring the benefits of Scouting membership to more thousands of Chicago boys. Keynoted around the "50,000 by '53" slogan, every adult Leader in the Council is now planning to take his part in a drive to organize at least 300 new Scout Units by the end of 1948.

A meeting of nearly 1,500 potential organizers will be held in the James Simpson Theater of the Chicago Natural History Museum on Tuesday night, May 18. At that time the entire plan for development of the organization program will be unfolded.

Already informed of the entire plan, the Executive Board of the Council, the District Executive Committees, the Commissioner Staff, and all of the Council Operating Committees have expressed their approval and keen desire to aid. The job, however, will be up to each and every Scouter who will be called upon to aid in the actual organization process. It is expected that 1,200 men will take an active part in this phase alone, while other hundreds will be involved in Promotion, Training, Units Service, Camping and Finance.

KEEP THE AMERICAN BOY AMERICAN

The slogan for the campaign is "Keep the American Boy American." Selected by the Public Relations Committee after considerable discussion, this slogan is believed to have the appeal necessary to interest Mr. Average Citizen in the Cause of Scouting. The theme will be used in all promotional activities.

50,000 IN '53 — SCOUTING'S GOAL IN CHICAGO

SSS LEXINGTON CHOSEN TO LEAD CHICAGO SEA SCOUT FLEET FOR COMING TWELVE MONTHS

Two Boy Scouts played an important part in the Junior Officials Day, sponsored as a part of the Youth Week celebrations in Chicago.

When the young men and women of Chicago took over various municipal posts on May 11, Richard Blazek, Eagle Scout of Troop 11, served as Chief Justice of the Municipal Court, and Eagle Scout Richard Lamermayer, Troop 974, served as Fire Commissioner. Blazek was representative of the Northwestern University Settlement, while Lamermayer was chosen to represent the Chicago Council.

Lamermayer was chosen to symbolize the fact that 23,743 Firemanship Merit Badges were awarded to Boy Scouts in the 37 year history of the Council. His Troop meets at the St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster and a student at Loyola University. He is one of four Chicago boys who attended the International Jamboree in France last August.

Youth week is a cooperative celebration conducted by the various youth agencies in Chicago. Each year on Junior Officials Day a representative of each agency is chosen for one city office. The offices are rotated among the agencies so that each has a chance at every office over a long period.

OUR GOAL - 50,000 BY '53!

STILL TIME TO MAKE LAST MINUTE PLANS FOR ANNUAL COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

Sidney Wanzer, III, Council Scout Commissioner, warns that the Commissioners have just a few days left for preparation for the Fourteenth Annual Commissioners Conference which will be held at Owasippe over the Memorial Day weekend.

The group will leave Chicago by bus on May 29 and it will return on the 31. Between times they will have ample opportunity for outdoor adventure which is available at Owasippe. Boating, canoeing, outdoor cooking, and swimming, if the weather permits, are on the program.

All will not be play, however, Mr. Wanzer reports. The Commissioners will spend many hours on the important subject of service to Units and the values of the Commissioner staff in the newly instituted "50,000 by '53" program.

More than 200 men are expected to attend the three-day conclave which has become traditional with the Commissioners of Chicago.

SCOUTS HOLD TWO IMPORTANT POSTS FOR JUNIOR OFFICIALS DAY CELEBRATION

On Saturday night, May 15, the Sea Scout Ship Lexington of the South Shore Squadron, was appointed Flagship of the Chicago Sea Scout Fleet for the next 12 months. The announcement was made at the conclusion of the 22nd Annual Commodore's Inspection, held in the Naval Reserve Armory, at the foot of Randolph Street.

The Lexington, sponsored by the South Shore Temple, 7200 Jeffery Avenue, was chosen the outstanding Ship of the year for the entire city. Under the leadership of Gerald Frazin, the Ship produced four Quartermasters during 1947 and an adequate number of other advancements.

In addition, the Lexington, so named for the famous aircraft carrier, was active in community service programs and regular Sea Scouting activities. They entered crews in the Noyes Cutter Races and the Daily News Regatta, and they totalled more hours of cutter work during last summer than any other ship in the city.

Just recently the crew was among the first in volunteering to serve on a work detail which the Navy requested to help set up the Glenview Air Base for spring and summer activities. The boys travelled from the far south side out to Glenview.

IMPORTANT DATES!

MAY 18 - Organization Meeting
MAY 30 - MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 30 - Commissioners' Conference

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THAT TROOP ADVANCEMENT PLAN NOW EFFECTIVE

Arthur R. Cahill, Chairman of the Council Advancement Committee, announced recently that the Committee has made the Troop Advancement Plan official for all Troops and Senior Units in the Council.

He reported that the Unit Committee is now fully responsible for administering the plan insofar as the review and award functions are concerned. The Troop Board of Review normally consists of the Troop Committee, supplemented by such other adults as are required to aid. The Senior Unit Review is accomplished by the Unit's Council acting with the help of the Unit's Committeeman in charge of Advancement.

Cahill added that from now on application for use of the Troop Advancement Plan need not be filed and the Certificate of Authority will not be issued. Report forms will be furnished to each Unit at the time of reregistration.

"50,000 By '53 MEANS MORE THAN ORGANIZATION

It's going to take more than recruiting and organization to make the dream of 50,000 by '53 an actuality. It is going to take more because we shall be required to hold those new Scouts and organizations and the old ones, too, if membership figures are to show a steady rise.

One of the biggest segments of the expanded membership program is a plan whereby it will be possible to honor Units - Troops, Packs and Senior Scout Units - which have consistently maintained a good Scouting program and which have regularly increased their registered membership. At present the plan is in the formative stages, but it is a definite 'must', and Scouters who are involved in Unit operations should consider 1948 as the year to work for special recognition for unusual program and Unit membership growth.

Some Districts have already embarked on such an activity with their Commissioner's Award, other Districts are planning similar recognition, and by the end of 1948 the Council, too, will have a definite program of recognition for Units which continue to offer first-class Scouting to an ever-increasing membership.

Keep this in mind, Mr. Scoutmaster!

MAKE JULY 4 SAFE!

Our yearly reminder from the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness is at hand. It reports that the sale and use of dangerous fireworks is prohibited by state law in Illinois. It has an encouraging note, however, for last year there was a marked reduction in fireworks casualties. There were no fatalties in the state; there were 51 reported accidents involving personal injury. This represents a considerable decrease over 1946, when the total number of accidents for Chicago alone exceeded that number.

The Society points out that supervised fireworks displays are permissible, so perhaps if noise is a must of July 4, Scouting groups can put on a properly controlled show which will be entertaining and safe.

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THE COUNCIL LEADER LOOKS AT ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIP
March 31, 1948
Total Boys....27,221
Total Units .. 1,045

For the first time in many years the entire force of the Chicago Council will be brought to bear on the problem of creating new Scouting opportunities for the thousands of Chicago boys who have not yet received them. The task is a great one; it is one which will call for the cooperation, time and energy of every volunteer Scouter, and it is one which should pay dividends greater than any other endeavor.

MEMBERSHIP
March 31, 1947
Total Boys....27,877
Total Units .. 1,033

The campaign to create at least 300 more Units in 1948 will be patterned after the other successful campaigns which the Council conducts to raise funds to secure diverse community support. As we see it, this drive is really much more than just an organization job. It is a crusade to make available the benefits of Scouting to more and more Chicago boys at a vital time in history.

Keeping the American boy American is not just an idle phrase nor an empty promise. The successes of Scouting and the numbers of great men who attribute their growth to the Scouting influence attest to this fact. Further, the challenge of maintaining a program which teaches traditionally American philosophies and activities is one which should appeal to Scouters.

COURTESY PAYS DIVIDENDS ONE SCOUT FINDS DURING SPECIAL PROGRAM

Chicago's 100 most courteous Boy Scouts were feted by the Chicago Junior Association of Commerce and Industry in conjunction with the recent observance of Courtesy Week. The Scouts were guests at the Chicago Theater on Saturday, April 24, by courtesy of the Association.

Gifts were presented to lucky Scouts and Don Wilson, Troop 441, won top prize of a free two-week trip to Owasippe this summer. Other awards of the new Boy Scout Field Book were made. Miss Courtesy of 1948 made the presentations and the Scouts stayed to see the movie.

Don expects to spend his camp trip at Camp Robert Stuart. It will be his first experience at Owasippe, he said. All of the Scouts were recommended by their Scoutmasters.

WENDELL HENRY LEAVES DOUGLAS DISTRICT FOR POST AS D. E. IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Wendell Henry, Assistant District Executive in the Douglas District, has accepted a new assignment as a District Executive in the Oakland, California Council. He leaves for the new post on May 8.

Henry has served on the Chicago staff for more than three years, and prior to that he had long experience as a Scout and Scouter. He is an Eagle Scout with palms and a graduate of the National Training School for Scout Executives. A Chicagoan, Henry attended school here, and worked in the Post Office Department and with the Chicago Park District as a physical instructor. He also served on the Camp Belnap staff in various capacities, including Director. Our loss is California's gain!